

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following set of claims for the pending claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A golf mat displaying an instructional pattern ~~marked with indicia~~ comprising  
    at least one sight line,  
    a foot placement grid comprising a plurality of spaced apart vertical alignment lines,  
    a first set of spaced apart ball position lines, wherein the vertical alignment lines are spaced further apart from one another than ~~said~~ ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are spaced apart from one another, and  
    a second set of spaced apart ball position lines, wherein said first set of ball position lines is located generally opposite from said second set of ball position lines, and wherein a gridless ball placement ~~clear hitting~~ area provides separation between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines, and wherein said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines are located between a first edge of said golf mat and a horizontal line of said foot placement grid, and are oriented perpendicular to said horizontal line.
2. (Currently Amended) The golf mat of claim 1, further comprising a first set of parallel line segments separated from a second set of parallel line segments by said gridless ball placement ~~clear hitting~~ area, wherein said first set of parallel line segments and said second set of parallel line segments are located generally opposite from one another and between said first edge of said golf mat and said horizontal line of said foot placement grid, and cooperate to define a plurality of sight lines.
3. (Currently Amended) The golf mat of claim 2 ~~3~~, wherein said

plurality of sight lines is located substantially between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines, and said golf mat further comprises at least one additional sight line.

4. (Original) The golf mat of claim 1, wherein a first ball position line selected from said first set of ball position lines corresponds to a second ball position line selected from said second set of ball position lines, relative to widthwise spacing of said second ball position line from a selected vertical grid line.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A golf mat displaying an instructional pattern ~~marked with indicia~~ comprising  
a foot placement grid ~~having an open look,~~  
a first set of parallel line segments separated from a second set of parallel line segments by a gridless ball placement clear-hitting area, wherein said first set of parallel line segments and said second set of parallel line segments are located generally opposite from one another and between a first edge of said golf mat and a horizontal line of said foot placement grid, and cooperate to define a first plurality of sight lines, and  
a plurality of spaced apart, ball position lines.

7. (Currently Amended) The golf mat of claim 6, wherein said plurality of spaced apart, ball position lines is provided by a first set of spaced apart ball position lines and a second set of spaced apart ball position lines, wherein said first set of ball position lines is located generally opposite from said second set of ball position lines, wherein said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines are located between said first edge of said golf mat and said horizontal line

of said foot placement grid, and wherein said gridless ball placement clear hitting area provides separation between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines.

8. (Currently Amended) The golf mat of claim 6, further comprising a third set of parallel line segments separated from a fourth set of parallel line segments by a second gridless ball placement clear hitting area, wherein said third set of parallel line segments and said fourth set of parallel line segments are located generally opposite from one another and between a second edge of said golf mat and said horizontal line of said foot placement grid, and cooperate to define a second plurality of sight lines, and said golf mat further comprises at least one additional sight line.

9. (Original) The golf mat of claim 6, provided with at least one tee placement aperture.

10. (Currently Amended) An instructional golf pattern comprising  
at least one sight line,  
a foot placement grid comprising a plurality of spaced apart vertical alignment lines,  
a first set of spaced apart ball position lines, wherein the vertical alignment lines are spaced further apart from one another than ~~said~~ ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are spaced apart from one another, and ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are of less length than the vertical alignment lines, and  
a second set of spaced apart ball position lines, wherein said first set of ball position lines is located generally opposite from said second set of ball position lines, and wherein a gridless ball placement clear hitting area provides separation between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines.

11. (Currently Amended) The pattern of claim 10, further comprising a first set of parallel line segments separated from a second set of parallel line segments by said gridless ball placement ~~clear hitting~~ area, wherein said first set of parallel line segments and said second set of parallel line segments are located generally opposite from one another and cooperate to define a plurality of sight lines.

12. (Original) The pattern of claim 11, wherein said plurality of sight lines is located substantially between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines.

13. (Currently Amended) An instructional golf pattern comprising a foot placement grid ~~having an open look,~~  
a first set of spaced apart ball position lines separated from a second set of spaced apart ball position lines by a gridless ball placement area, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball positions lines are of less length than vertical alignment lines of said foot placement grid, and  
a first set of parallel line segments separated from a second set of parallel line segments by said gridless ball placement ~~a clear hitting~~ area, wherein said first set of parallel line segments and said second set of parallel line segments are located generally opposite from one another and cooperate to define a first plurality of sight lines, and said first plurality of sight lines is located substantially between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines  
~~a plurality of spaced apart, ball position lines.~~

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The golf mat of claim 1, wherein said gridless ball placement area comprises a playing surface that simulates a fairway.

16. (New) The golf mat of claim 1, wherein said golf mat is marked with indicia that display said instructional pattern.

17. (New) The golf mat of claim 1, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are of less length than the vertical alignment lines of said grid.

18. (New) The golf mat of claim 1, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are equally spaced about one inch apart, and wherein said foot placement grid comprises rectangular grid spaces.

19. (New) The golf mat of claim 6, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are of less length than the vertical alignment lines of said grid, and wherein said plurality of sight lines is located substantially between said first set of ball position lines and said second set of ball position lines.

20. (New) The golf mat of claim 6, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are equally spaced about one inch apart, and wherein said foot placement grid comprises rectangular grid spaces.

21. (New) The pattern of claim 10, wherein said pattern is displayed on turf.

22. (New) The pattern of claim 10, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are equally spaced about one inch apart, and wherein said foot placement grid comprises rectangular grid spaces.

23. (New) The pattern of claim 10, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are oriented parallel to the vertical alignment lines of said grid.

24. (New) The pattern of claim 13, wherein ball position lines of said first set of ball position lines are equally spaced about one inch apart, and wherein said foot placement grid comprises rectangular grid spaces.

25. (New) The pattern of claim 13, wherein said first set of ball position lines is located generally opposite from said second set of ball position lines, and said first set of parallel line segments and said second set of parallel line segments are located between an edge line of said pattern and a horizontal line of said foot placement grid.